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### **NINTH ANNUAL RESTON MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENT & ACTIVITIES**



RESTON, VA – It's time to "Discover the World in Reston" at the Ninth Annual Reston Multicultural Festival on Saturday, September 26 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Lake Anne Village Center. The Reston Multicultural Festival is a celebration of the diversity and welcoming community spirit that is found in Reston. This free annual event brings together the rich medley of cultures through music, entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world. All are invited to come dressed in your own native attire and share your culture with your neighbors.

This year, the three Festival stages will be enlivened by hundreds of performers from over twenty five cultural organizations and groups representing traditions from all over the world performing family-friendly entertainment on the World Stage, the Gallery Stage, and the Global Stage. Each stage features continuous local and national performing groups throughout the day. In addition to recruiting new participants, some of the Reston Multicultural Festival's most popular artists will return this year including The Rhythm & Cues Tribal Belly Dance and the Persia Cultural House to express the cultures of the Middle East & North Africa through electrifying dance routines. The Traveling Players Ensemble's *The Bourgeois Gentleman* by Moliere brings comedic moments to the Gallery Stage. No matter where you turn, all three stages will awaken your senses with a diverse mix of South American, African, Asian, European, and Middle Eastern influences. Highlights include music and dance presented by Furia Flamenca, the Cultural Foundation For Children Inc., Jow Ga Shaolin Institute, Young At Hearts Philippine Folk Dancers, RunaKuna, Kalavaridhi, and many more.

Along with performances on the three stages we will also feature arts and crafts, storytelling, ceramic-making workshops, interactive demonstrations and gallery activities such as Chinese brush painting by Tracie Griffith Tso (RCC's Chinese painting instructor). Children's entertainers include: Cowboy Micah, award-winning storyteller Gary Lloyd featuring "What's Cooking Around the World," Safari Bingo lady, and Jeanne's "Going Buggy." Jeanne will be sure to mesmerize your children as she brings folktales to life through puppetry, storytelling, and music. Sample the many culturally diverse foods at the Global Café or shop in our Global Market and take home a memento from artisans' work from neighboring lands. With a vast array of performing arts, family activities, ethnic cuisine and global arts and crafts, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! A complete schedule of events follows below.

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Inside the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, the Reston Multicultural Festival Intergenerational exhibit will feature the work of local artists that reflects our community's diverse cultural origins. The exhibit runs through October 5.

Photo: *Midnight Wind*, 23 x 20" Ink and colored pigments on rice paper; Chinese brush painting by Tracie Griffith Tso.

In addition to the Festival, many Lake Anne Merchants will offer ongoing activities for families throughout the Plaza:

**Reston's Art Gallery and Studios (RAGS)**

Children's Crafts in front of the Gallery; Lake Anne posters and tee-shirts at special prices.

**Lake Anne Florist**

**FREE** Virginia Food Sampling & roses  
Noon – 2 p.m.

**Small Change**

Features New "Melissa & Doug" toys from \$1.50 - \$100. Handmade dolls from \$10 - \$35. Tie-dye tees \$16.

**Reston Museum and Historic Trust**

Blue glass Reston mug \$7  
White ceramic Reston mug \$5

For more information contact BeBe Nguyen (703) 390-6145 or visit our website at [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com).

Where: Lake Anne Village Center  
1609-A Washington Plaza  
Reston, VA 20190

When: Saturday, September 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parking: Off-site Parking is available at the Lake Anne & Forest Edge Elementary Schools, Brown's Chapel, and the Tzu Chi Foundation. All are within a short walking distance to the Festival site.

The Reston Multicultural Festival is sponsored by the Reston Community Center and co-sponsored by the Reston Association, Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association, and The Lake Anne Merchants Association with support from many other community organizations and businesses. Media sponsors include *Reston Connection*, *The Observer*, and *COMCAST*.

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**Reston Multicultural Festival  
Schedule of Events  
Saturday, September 26 - 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**WORLD STAGE**

*(Please Note: Performers and times are subject to change)*

**10:55 a.m. - Cultural Foundation For Children Inc.**  
West African Drumming & Dance

**11:05 a.m. - Festival Welcome**

**11:25-11:50 - Cultural Foundation For Children Inc.**  
West African Drumming & Dance

**11:55-12:25 - Jow Ga Shaolin Institute**  
Chinese Dragon Dance, Lion Dance & Kung Fu/Tai Chi Demonstration

**12:35-1:05 - Ohana of Polynesia and Northern Virginia  
Ukulele Ensemble**  
Polynesian (Hawaiian & Tahitian) Music & Dance

**1:10-1:30 - RunaKuna**  
Music from the Andes

**1:35-1:55 - Rhythm & Cues Tribal Belly Dance**  
Middle Eastern/North African Dance

**2:00-2:20 - Tobas Dinastia**  
Bolivian Folkloric Dance

**2:25-2:40 - Young At Hearts Philippine Folk Dancers**  
Philippines/Filipino Culture

**2:45-3:05 - Persia Cultural House**  
Traditional & Modern Persian Dance

**3:10-3:30 - Centro Cultural Peru**  
Peruvian Dance & Music

**3:35-3:55 - Dance Dimensions**  
African-American Dance

**4:00-4:20 - Kalavaridhi**  
Classical Dance of India

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**4:25-4:45 - Furia Flamenca**  
Flamenco Dance

**4:50-5:00 - Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation**  
Sign Language/Songs of Peace

**4:58-5:00 - Closing Remarks**

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**GALLERY STAGE**  
(Located inside RCC Lake Anne)

**11:40-12:10 - Traveling Players Ensemble**  
France-Excerpts from  
Moliere's play, *The Bourgeois Gentleman*

**12:25-12:55 - Azuma Koto Ensemble**  
Japanese Koto & Shakuhachi Music

**1:10-1:40 - St. Petersburg Trio**  
Traditional Russian Folk Music

**1:50-2:00 & 2:15-2:25 - The Somapa Thai Dance Company**  
Classical & Folk Dances of Thailand

**2:35-3:00 - Slaveya Vocal Ensemble**  
Eastern European Folk Music, a cappella choir

**3:00-3:30 p.m. - Chado Urasenke Tankokai DC Association**  
Japanese Tea Ceremony (Room C)

**3:30-4:15 p.m. - Jeanne's "Going Buggy"**  
Insect folk tales from African, Mexican and Native American descent brought to life through puppetry, storytelling, and music.

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**GLOBAL STAGE**

**11:50-12:20 - Zumba Fitness Demonstration**

**12:40-1:00 - Bharatha Mallika-School of Kuchipudi**  
Indian Dance

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**1:20-1:50 - Hui O Ka Pua 'Ilima**  
Traditional Hawaiian Dance

**2:10-2:40 - Hawaii State Society 'Ukulele Hui**  
Hawaiian Music, Language, History, and Culture

**3:00-3:30 - Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble**  
American with roots in Irish, African, West Indies, English, and Spanish cultures

**3:50-4:20 - Hui O Ka Pua "Ilima**  
Polynesian Dance

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## **GLOBAL GAME ZONE, CHILDREN'S PASSPORT, CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES**



**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Cowboy Micah**

From 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cowboy Micah will excite the crowd with his rope twirling and juggling- while on stilts! From 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. he will not be on stilts, but will be performing juggling, pocket magic, and he will be helping kids learn to spin plates on sticks.



**12 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.**  
**Gary Lloyd - "What's Cooking Around the World"**

Join award-winning storyteller Gary Lloyd for a hearty serving of stories by way of Japan, Australia, Mexico, and Africa. This is a low-fat, low cholesterol, but high fun multicultural feast for the ears! Gary will be performing inside Reston's Used Bookshop, located on Lake Anne Plaza.



**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Safari Bingo**

Safari Bingo will stroll with sight gags, giant bubbles, and a parachute game. Depending on the weather, a few animals may be available for petting. Visit Safari Bingo at <http://www.partyco-op.com/>



**3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**  
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**Global Game Zone** - Go (China), Mancala (Africa), Shut the Box (England), Chess & Checkers, Nine Men's Morris (England), Parcheesi (India)

**Kids Activities** - Tattoos, face painting, African Maasai Necklaces, Coral Reef fish pictures, Chinese yo-yos, Mexican castanets, Mexican bark painting, Help Design a Multicultural Quilt, Design your own Egyptian treasure chest, Design your own pyramid, Make Hawaiian flowers for your hair, Color continents, Design your own multicultural face, Color totem poles.

**Children's Passport** – Remember to pick up a children's passport at the Information Booth. Each child will receive a gender-specific prize when he/she turns in a completed passport with at least 3 stickers collected from Lake Anne participating merchants: Small Change, Lake Anne Florist, Reston's Art Gallery and Studios (RAGS), Lakeside Café, or Reston Museum and Historic Trust. No purchase necessary.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND DEMO BOOTHS

Hunter Mill District & Census Bureau Information Booth  
Interactive Cultural Bingo sponsored by Reston Interfaith  
UNICEF and others will provide activities and information of interest.

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## GLOBAL CAFÉ & LAKE ANNE RESTAURANTS

Reston Association (Festival Fare)  
A Southern Fish Fry (American Southern Comfort Food)  
Suya To Go (Nigerian)  
Guapo's Rotisserie Chicken (Mexican & Peruvian)  
Hunan Manor (Chinese)  
Lakeside Café (Salvadorean)  
Lake Anne Florist (Free samples of Virginia's Finest Gourmet Foods)

### About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.org](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.org) or call 703.476.4500.

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